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MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning website to provide latest on government shutdown

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Nearly 70 percent of Fort Benning’s civilian employees have been placed in a temporary furlough status due to the government shutdown today.

During this time of uncertainty, it is our goal to provide our valued civilian employees, Soldiers, families and Department of Defense contractors the most up-to-date information regarding the government shutdown until the situation is resolved.

The Public Affairs Office has established an information directory on the Maneuver Center of Excellence website to post current reports about the shutdown situation on post. Please visit the Fort Benning website, www.benning.army.mil, regularly for any changes to services or work hours. A direct link to shutdown and furlough information is available here: <http://www.benning.army.mil/common/emergencyinfo2013.html>.

In addition, the Public Affairs Office will work with local television and radio stations to communicate any changes in requirements to return to work.

Fort Benning will remain open. Our mission is to prepare Soldiers and leaders in support of our nation's defense and we will continue to do so through this time of uncertainty.

This temporary furlough may affect a number of services on post, however, all essential services – law enforcement, medical and dental facilities, schools, childcare facilities and emergency services – will continue during this time. Fort Benning schools will remain open. The Post Exchange, convenience stores and most morale, welfare and recreation services will remain open to serve our Soldiers, their Families and Civilian employees. The commissary will remain open a full business day today, to reduce the amount of perishables on hand before beginning a systematic closure process to account for unsold products and secure facilities. The commissary will be closed Oct. 2 until a funding authorization or continuing resolution is approved.

The Fort Benning command team is committed to taking care of our Soldiers, Families and civilians. Programs and services on post, such as Army Emergency Relief and Army Community Service, stand ready to provide assistance when and where it is needed.

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